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Happy New Year! I’m sure that some of you made New Year’s Resolutions and one of mine is to start this Chapter’s year off with a bang. We already have an incredible speaker lined up for this month’s meeting so make sure you don’t miss it. Dr. Bruce Porter will speak on “Taking up the Torch,” on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel. He has gone to some of the most significant history making events in our time and will speak on how to make life count! This is a great way to start off a new year. If you would like to attend please RSVP to L.C. Williams at 303-382-7638 by January 19th.

Each of us has had many challenges in the past year. From a professional perspective there have been budget cuts, changes in management, changes in technology, and change in accounting literature; from a personal perspective each of us has thought about where these professional changes may take us. Let AGA educate you on the professional changes and give you options and ideas in how to manage these changes.

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AGA’s mission is to serve professionals in the government financial management community, by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

FROM THE PRESIDENT - CONTINUED:

In honor of the loyal and dedicated members of the Denver Chapter of AGA, we are declaring February Member Appreciation Month. Our February meeting will be free to all members and we look forward to presenting you with a meaningful presentation. You will get more information in a special flier that will be sent. Of course, we still welcome and would love to have guests, but for members it will be "FREE". Who says there is no such thing as a free lunch?

The Professional Development Conference is scheduled for Tuesday April 26, 2005 and Wednesday April 27, 2005. Please mark this on your calendar and spread the news to your co-workers. We hope to increase the attendance and provide an incredible educational experience at a low cost. In these budget times, a low-cost CPE is prudent. We will be sending out the brochure later in this month.

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and are rejuvenated and ready for the New Year!

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:

Colorado Technical University (CTU) - Denver Campus is now registering for Accounting courses on both undergraduate and graduate level. CTU has one of nation's most dynamic and comprehensive Undergraduate and Graduate (MBA) Accounting Degree Programs, in addition CTU also offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in Finance and Project Management. The following Accounting Courses are scheduled for Winter 2005 (10 January 2005 - 26 March 2005):

Course Title Schedule

Undergraduate Level:

ACCT 201 Accounting I 10 January 2005 - 26 March 2005

ACCT 203 Accounting III 10 January 2005 - 26 March 2005

Graduate Level:

ACCT 624 Advanced Cost Accounting 10 January 2005 - 15 February 2005

ACCT 628 Financial Reporting 16 February 2005 - 26 March 2005

For questions regarding Tuition Assistance please contact your supervisor or your business line management support office.

For more information, contact CTU at (303) 694-6600 and ask to speak to an admission or academic advisors or go to CTU's website www.coloradotech.edu.

Denver Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants Presents:



Dr. Bruce Porter

Inspirational! Motivating! Dynamic!

“Topic: Taking up the Torch”



Bruce Porter has walked in some of the most significant history making events in our time.

- The Columbine High School massacre in Colorado
- New York’s Ground Zero in the aftermath of the 9-11 terror attacks...
- Israel during the Gulf War and radical Islamic suicide terrorism...
- Erfurt, Germany, where school violence shocked Europe...
- Beslan, Russia where Islamist terrorists slaughtered hundreds of children...

Bruce’s style and presentation brings audiences to new levels of purpose and vision, giving greater meaning to life and careers. Life is about more than just making money or becoming famous. It’s about living and leaving a legacy, inspiring people around us to be their personal best.

Bruce’s life-message encourages, motivates, and challenges men and women of all ages and walks of life to discover the “hero Heart” and how they can impact their world with honor, courage and service.

Where: Radisson Hotel, Denver
Stapleton Plaza
3333 Quebec Street
303-321-3500

When: Wednesday, January 26, 2005
Check-in: 11:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.
Lunch served: 11:30 a.m.
Presentation: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$13 for members
\$15 for non-members

Menu:

“Mama Andolini’s Italian Buffet”

Hearty Meat Lasagna	Tossed Salad
Fettuccine Alfredo	with Ranch & Italian Dressing
Italian Green Beans	Garlic Bread
Herb Sautéed Carrots	Brownies
	Served with coffee, tea or water

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, January 19, 2005 to L C Williams at

303-382-7638 or lcwilliams@kpmg.com.

AGA Denver Chapter, December 6, 2004, Board Minutes

Attendees: Beth Machann, Pat Mulcahy, Glen Struempf, Anita Moore, Peggy Schwarz, L.C. Williams, Karl Greve, Jennie Chon, Rita DeBraccio, Sandra Blanscet and Karla Gomez-Meyer

Meeting Commenced at 5:30

I. Approval of November Minutes – Minutes Approved

II. Treasurer's Report – Pat Mulcahy presented the Treasurer's Report. The Checking account balance is \$19,395.36 and there are a couple of accounts receivables remaining. We still have not been paid for one person from the 2004 PDC. Pat will follow up. Due to the balance, the Board decided to have a Member Appreciation lunch for the February meeting. All Members will receive their lunch free.

III. December Meeting update/January Meeting Planning – Beth announced that Becky Richardson, the Co-VP for Meetings has tendered her resignation. Becky is extremely busy at work and is unable to give the time she feels is necessary. LC will be the sole VP in this area, but has done all the work to date, so he felt this was fine. The December meeting is ready; however we currently only have 11 people signed up. Board members were asked to solicit their co-workers and Beth will send out a reminder. In addition, if the attendee brings a toy for our toy drive, their cost will be reduced by \$3.00.

LC recommended that we have some decorations and/or treats for the December meeting for the holidays. Annie and Rita will be making craft items for tables. Beth will get poinsettias for table decorations and then as give- aways.

LC has some ideas for future meetings, and Beth will follow up with Jeff Hart about Andrew Romanoff speaking at either the February or March meetings. The January meeting will be on Wednesday, January 26, 2005 so there is no conflict with other organizations.

IV. PDC – Glen has the contract for the hotel. He will review it and determine if it is satisfactory. The theme is still up in the air, but after some conversation "Government Accountability Drives Performance" was proposed. Glen has contacted a city employee to help with the PDC and Beth will follow-up. Beth will also contact someone at the State to get their help. The flier for the PDC should be ready by the end of January.

V. Chapter Recognition– The website is still down, so Pat and Peggy have not been able to complete the report. If the website is not up soon, they will do a spreadsheet and submit that via e-mail.

December's Board Meeting Minutes - Continued:

VI. Other

Beth announced that the AGA National Nominating Committee has selected Jeff Hart as their candidate for National President-Elect. Unless an AGA member via petition prior to February 17, 2005 nominates someone, Jeff will take office on July 1, 2005. The committee expressed the congratulations to this news.

Community Service – Karla reported that we are participating in the Denver Human Services toy drive. Unwrapped new toys are requested. Beth will e-mail members about this project and request they bring toys to the December meeting and will receive a discount. Also, we are continuing the food drive through this month. Karla delivered food to the Disability Center for Independent Living and they are very pleased with our contribution.

Newsletter – Rita is adding a new section entitled “Meet the Member”. She had difficulty with the size of the document due to a picture and had trouble e-mailing it. She will look at other methods.

Annie asked about a CGFM report. Beth will request one from National.

Another Education Opportunity:

CGFM Exam 3 Study Guide Now Available!

Be sure to order the new Study Guide for CGFM Exam 3: *Governmental Financial Management and Control* to help in your preparation for the examination.

Check the AGA National web site for details.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2005:

Mark your calendars for April 26-27 and make plans to attend our 2005 PDC. The PDC theme this year is "Government Accountability Excellence Drives Performance" and will be held at the Radisson Hotel Aurora Southeast (I-225 and Parker Rd). PDC information, including registration forms, will be posted on our chapter website. Registration cost for this year's PDC will again be \$250 for early registration by 8 April.

Education Corner :

CPEs: Earn CPEs through on-line classes using SMART-PROS;
<http://education.smartpros.com/main> (Financial Management Network)

CDFM: Sponsored through ASMC. To apply:
<http://www.asmc certification.com>

CGFM: Sponsored through AGA. To apply:
<http://www.agacgfm.org/cgfm/cgfmdefault.aspx>



Federal Civil Service employment: <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

Denver City employment: <http://www.denvergov.org/Jobs/jobsm.asp>

Colorado State employment: <http://www.state.co.us/jobinfo.html>

AGA Community Service: Thanks to everyone that supported the food and the toy drives!!

Community Program: Scholarship program included two \$1000 scholarships.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Mulcahy presented the budget status as of 12/06/04.
The chapter has a balance of \$19,395.36 in the bank account as of that date.

November income was \$1430.00 from the GASB training, expenses-to-date are \$870.41. Outstanding are the travel expenses incurred by the speaker.

We have two accounts receivables for a total of \$280.00.

National News:

***Improving Government Performance: Financial Managers Take Center Stage* Make Plans Now to Join Us for AGA's Third Annual National Leadership Conference, February 7- 8, 2005, in Washington, D.C.**

Sound financial management is more important than ever. Governments are grappling with a growing list of homeland security issues - ;how to keep our cities and our nation safe, and how to pay for it. In this environment, financial managers will take center stage, confronting these challenges and the difficulties of balancing the many competing demands on taxpayers' money. At the same time, governments are focusing more intently on performance to ensure that every dollar is spent wisely, and can be accounted for later. These developments are bringing financial managers into the spotlight.

The National Leadership Conference (NLC) will bring together the top leaders in federal, state and local government financial management, all of whom are struggling to make ends meet while providing an unprecedented level of services to the citizens they serve. This conference is a must for top government leaders - chief financial officers, inspectors general, state auditors, state comptrollers, state treasurers, city auditors, city finance directors and those who work with these top leaders to keep our governments fiscally sound.

The NLC offers unparalleled opportunities to make valuable professional contacts, discuss challenges, discover creative solutions and gain the tools you need to become more effective. Don't miss this opportunity to network with your peers and learn from the best in the government accountability business.

Registration is now open. Advance registration discounts apply to all forms received before January 14, 2005.

Current news from National:

AGA's National Nominating Committee Selects New Slate of National Officers To Take Office on July 1, 2005

Jeffrey S. Hart, CGFM, a member of AGA's Denver Chapter, Office of the Inspector General, EPA, leads the slate as National President-Elect Designate. **Thomas J. Sadowski, CGFM**, a member of AGA's Mid-Missouri Chapter, Director of Accounting at the University of Missouri, was chosen as National Treasurer-Elect Designate.

As outlined in the Association's bylaws, AGA will accept independent nominations from AGA members via petition until Feb. 15, 2005. At that time, if other candidates are nominated, the Bylaws and Procedures Committee will conduct an election to determine the officers. However, if no other nominations are received, the committee's slate will take office effective July 1, 2005.

AGA NATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2005-2006 SLATE OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jeffrey Hart, CGFM, Denver Chapter

NATIONAL TREASURER-ELECT

Thomas Sadowski, CGFM, Mid-Missouri Chapter

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AT LARGE

Deborah Loveless, CGFM, Nashville Chapter

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR REGIONAL SERVICES - SECTION III

Lealan Miller, CGFM, Idaho Centennial Chapter

RVPS-ELECT

Section I

New England Gunnar Myrbeck Maine Chapter

North Central Sherri Voigt Southern Wisconsin Chapter

Northeastern David Gotlib Northern New Jersey Chapter

Ohio-Michigan Christy Ryan Greater Lansing Chapter

Current news from National:

Section II

Mid-Western Catherine Long, CGFM Mid-Missouri Chapter

South Central Peggy Javery, CGFM New Orleans Chapter

Southwestern Georgie Ortiz Albuquerque Chapter

Texas-Oklahoma VACANT

Section III

California Stephen Gentry Los Angeles Chapter

Northwestern Billie Jo Gehring Alaska Capital Chapter

Pacific Rim Christopher Wolseley Guam Chapter

Rocky Mountain Kathleen Graves, CGFM Idaho Centennial Chapter

Section IV

Capital Karl Boettcher, CGFM Washington D.C. Chapter

Mid-Atlantic Janine Prybyla Virginia Peninsula Chapter

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CATHERWOOD, HUGH ROBERT
 Hugh Robert Catherwood, 53, writer, consultant, architect, author, woodworker, pilot, died December 26 in Denver. He is survived by two daughters, Jane Sprague and Nancy Magnusson, and two granddaughters, Edna Sprague and Frances Maugton. He was married to Frances Maugton of Pulaski, Missouri from 1938 until her death in 1963. He later married Jean Williams, mother of Isabel Shanahan, mother of Ford and Jennifer Shanahan, Christopher and Andrew Blair, and Lisa, John and Eric Anderson. Born in Chicago, Catherwood attended St. Paul's School and the USS Merchant in World War II. After moving to Denver, he served as budget and personnel directors under George Newkom.

His most recent cause had been raising awareness of the national debt, and any donations in Mr. Catherwood's name may be sent in honor of this cause to General Catherwood, 1011 Arlington Blvd., Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22208.

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City's first personnel director loved cause

By Virginia Culver
 Denver Post Staff Writer

Hugh Catherwood usually was fighting for a cause and never minded ruffling feathers, said his daughter, Nancy Magnusson of Tolland, Mass.

Catherwood, who was Denver's first personnel director and also its budget director, died Dec. 26 at age 93 and was going strong until nearly the end.

A memorial service will be held later this month.

Catherwood was almost as well known for the causes he pursued after his retirement as for his work with the city. He loved "reading, writing and causes," said Magnusson, and was constantly writing letters to the editors of both of Denver's daily newspapers, to the president and to members of Congress. His two primary causes: what he saw as the dangers of the rising national debt and the insanity of nuclear proliferation.

The letters, as well as guest columns he wrote for newspapers, were packed with facts and figures to back up his opinions.

"He dug down deep, he drilled for facts and loved to research," his daughter said.

In one column about the hatred engendered by the arms race, he quoted George Washington: "The nation which indulges toward another an habitual hatred is to some degree a slave



Denver Post file photo

Hugh Catherwood married his second wife, Jean Shumaker Williams, in 1966. The couple is shown in a 1980 Post society photo.

to its animosity." Bill Hornby, a former Denver Post editor, praised Catherwood for "doing more than anyone to set up the Career Service Authority" for Denver. He described Catherwood as "a civilized curmudgeon. He could be very insistent." Catherwood, who always wore a

bow tie, "pontificated," said his daughter, and when he was dining with family and friends, he sat quietly waiting for the end of the small talk — which he disdained — before he launched into serious topics.

Catherwood's causes also included reform of the prison system, city budget

and, of course, the personnel system. He was precise in accounting and did consulting for several agencies and later for an American company in Saudi Arabia. He also did mediation work for the Federal Mediation and Arbitration Service and for unions.

Catherwood did have other interests. He was practically addicted to flying and often took the family to the mountains in his Cessna "push pull" plane just for a picnic.

He was a meticulous woodworker, making stools and small tables for daughters and grandchildren, using the wood and design of their choosing.

He had a laptop computer earlier than most people.

"He always moved ahead and was so active," said his granddaughter, Edna Sprague of Albuquerque.

But cars were another thing. Apparently uninterested in spending the money on new ones, he kept cars for years, sometimes decades.

"He kept an accounting of every penny," Nancy Magnusson said.

Sprague said she loved her grandfather's stories from the past and his continued interest in the present, especially in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren.

"He stood up for what he believed in, such as women's rights and the right of choice (in abortion), even if a lot of his friends didn't agree," Sprague said.

"He said things directly and fought

for what he was interested in," grandson, Blake Magnusson quipped. "By his example, my life was to have a purpose."

Catherwood didn't listen to or watch TV, but he was an avid reader of *The New York Times*.

He played squash into his 80s, otherwise had little use for sports.

Hugh Robert Catherwood was born in Chicago on July 6, 1911, and moved from St. Paul's School in N.H., and Yale University. He was a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II.

He married Frances Maugton Mo. on May 30, 1938. She died in 1963, and he married Jean Williams in 1966. She died in 1980.

When Catherwood and Williams married, he made sure that everyone else knew the five daughters, not yours. "We treated the same," said Magnusson.

In addition to his daughter and grandson, Catherwood survived by another daughter, Frances Sprague of Albuquerque, and three granddaughters: Isabel Shanahan and Anderson of Denver and Greiner of Palo Alto, Calif.; stepgrandchildren.

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